



# City of Austin

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## Memo

### AUSTINCODE DEPARTMENT

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Carl Smart, Director Austin Code Department  
**Date:** September 16, 2015  
**Subject:** Code Industry Summit

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On behalf of the Austin Code Department, I would like to extend an invitation to Mayor and Council to attend the second annual Code Industry Summit held in Austin, Texas. This industry summit serves as a forum for industry leaders from across the state of Texas to share best practices, new ideas, and innovative technology as it relates to the code enforcement and code compliance industry. This year our theme is "Code Transformation through Innovation," and the event will feature speakers from the City of Austin, Dallas, and Corpus Christi, as well as stakeholders in the community.

Topics of the Summit will include an in depth conversation about short term rental licensing and rental registration entitled, "Managing Growth through Enforcement: The Two Sides of Licensing and Registration." In this panel, community stakeholders as well as code professionals will discuss successes and challenges each party faces regarding registration programs. There will be several breakout sessions as well including utilizing social media to reach the community, accessing innovative new tools for code industry professionals, and a presentation on community prosecution and grant funding from Dallas City Attorney, Maureen Milligan. I have attached the full agenda for your review.

The Code Industry Summit was born out of a Best Practices Roundtable established in 2012, and was built upon as the Austin Code Department grew and code practices evolved. This event is held every year in October, National Code Month, as declared by former President George Bush in 2005. As we celebrate the 10 year anniversary of our National Code Month Proclamation, we are requesting that a member or members of Mayor and Council join us in hopes of proclaiming National Code Month in the City of Austin during the Code Industry Summit.

As always, we are constantly developing new ways to enhance code programs for not only for Austin, but for cities across the state of Texas as well as the country. The Code Industry Summit is one of the ways we can share our efforts to learn and grow with Mayor and Council firsthand. We look forward to your attendance.

c:     Marc A. Ott, City Manager  
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